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TO: Each Supervisor

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SUBJECT: **DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER SCHOOL FIGHTS**

This is to advise your Board of five (5) separate fights that occurred at Dorothy Kirby School on Thursday, August 18, 2011, from approximately 10:17 a.m. to 10:29 a.m. A Probation staff was conducting a safety check of school classroom four (4) and observed two (2) minors fighting. The minors were ordered to stop fighting and immediately complied.

A review of classroom four (4) video footage was reviewed in order to gather additional information of the fight. The review of the video footage showed that five (5) separate fights occurred within a twelve (12) minute period in the class. The fights appear to be cooperatively orchestrated by the minors with the teacher at his desk.

All minors viewed fighting in the video footage were medically evaluated by the nurse with no injuries reported. There were a total of sixty-seven (67) minors in the facility and twenty-one (21) full duty staff on duty at the time of the incident.

LACOE Administration has been informed that the teacher assigned to classroom four (4) is not allowed onto any Probation facility. The incident has been referred to the Probation Department's Child Abuse Special Investigation Unit.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board with more information as it becomes available.

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c: Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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